

Community Pathways Waiver – **Current Services**

Service Type: Other Service

Service (Name):

Alternative Service Title: **ENVIRONMENTAL ACCESSIBILITY ADAPTATIONS**

HCBS Taxonomy:

Check as applicable

☐ Service is included in approved waiver. There is no change in service specifications.

☒ Service is included in approved waiver. The service specifications have been modified.

☐ Service is not included in the approved waiver.

Service Definition:

- A. Environmental accessibility adaptations are physical modifications or device connected to the home based on an assessment designed to support the participant's efforts to function with greater independence and/or to create a safer, healthier environment.
- B. Environmental accessibility adaptations shall only be approved if they are:
 - 1. Required because of the residence's physical structure and the participant's special functional needs;
 - 2. Reasonable and necessary to prevent the participant's institutionalization or hospitalization; and
 - 3. Provided to ensure the following:
 - a) The participant's health, welfare, and safety; or
 - b) The participant's ability to function with greater independence and access in the residence.
- C. Environmental accessibility adaptations shall be approved by the owner of the home or building, if not the participant. The owner, if not the participant, shall agree that the participant will be able to remain in the residence for at least 1 year upon completion of the modification.

- D. The accessibility adaptations include modifications or devices connected of the home to make it physically accessible or safe for waiver recipients, and may include but are not limited to:
1. Installation of grab bars;
 2. Construction of access ramps and railings for a waiver participant who uses a wheelchair or who has limited ambulatory ability;
 3. Installation of detectable warnings on walking surfaces;
 4. Installation of visible fire alarm for individual who has a hearing impairment;
 5. Adaptations to the electrical, telephone, and lighting systems;
 6. Generator to support medical equipment that require electricity;
 7. Widening of doorways and halls for wheelchair use;
 8. Door openers;
 9. Installation of chair glides; and
 10. Alarms or locks on windows, doors, and fences; protective padding on walls or floors; plexiglass, safety glass, a protected glass coating on windows; outside gates and fences; brackets for appliances; raised/lowered electrical switches and sockets; and safety screen doors which are necessary for the health, welfare, and safety of the participant.
- E. All restrictive adaptive measures such as locked windows, appliances, doors, and fences must be included in the participants approved behavior plan as per DDA's policy on positive behaviors supports.
- F. All construction shall:
1. Be provided in accordance with applicable State or local building codes; and
 2. Pass the required inspections.
- G. The service is also available to people that self-direct their services.

Specify applicable (if any) limits on the amount, frequency, or duration of this service:

- A. Payment rates for services must be reasonable, customary, and necessary not to exceed \$17,500 (combined total with Vehicle Modifications) over an individual's lifespan unless authorized by DDA.
- B. All adaptation over \$1,000 must be pre-authorized by the DDA and approved in the participant's IP.
- C. All adaptations for participant leasing the property must be approved by the owner of the home or building, who agrees that the participant will be allowed to remain in the residence at least one year.

- D. If an adaptation is estimated to cost over \$1,000/12-month period, the coordinator of community services or OHCD provider shall obtain at least two bids for the service and must have DDA pre-authorization approval.
- E. Not covered under this regulation are adaptations or improvements to the home, such as carpeting, roof repair, decks, and central air conditioning, which:
- (1) Are of general utility;
 - (2) Are not of direct medical or remedial benefit to the participant; or
 - (3) Add to the home's total square footage, unless the construction is necessary, reasonable, and directly related to accessibility needs.
- F. Environmental accessibility modifications may be furnished to individuals who receive residential habilitation services for life safety modifications and other necessary accessibility modifications so long as they are necessary to meet the needs of participants and are not basic housing costs. Payment is not be made for the cost of room and board, including the cost of building maintenance, upkeep and improvement.
- G. When services are furnished to individuals returning to the community from a Medicaid institutional setting through entrance to the waiver, the costs of such services are considered to be incurred and billable when the person leaves the institutional setting and enters the waiver. The individual must be reasonably expected to be eligible for and to enroll in the waiver. If for any unseen reason, the individual does not enroll in the waiver (e.g., due to death or a significant change in condition); services may be billed to Medicaid as an administrative cost.
- H. Payment for services is based on compliance with billing protocols and a completed service report.
- I. Provider's administrative fee for providing the service shall not exceed 15% of the total cost of the service provided unless otherwise authorized by the DDA.
- J. Services provided by a family member or relative is not covered.

Service Delivery Method (check each that applies)

☒ Participant Directed as specified in Appendix E

☒ Provider Managed

Specify whether the service may be provided by (check all that applies):

_____ Legally Responsible Person

_____ Relative

_____ Legal Guardian

Provider Specifications: (Instructions list the following for each type of provider that can deliver the services):

Provider Category	Provider Type Title
Individual	Individual – For Self-Directed Services
Agency	DDA Certified Organized Health Care Delivery System Provider as per COMAR 10.22.20

Provider Specifications for Services

Provider Category: Individual

Provider Type: Individual - For self-directing services

Provider Qualifications License (specify):

In accordance with Department of Labor and Licensing requirements, a Home Improvement License may be required to complete some projects where an existing home structure is modified (such as a stair glide).

Certificate (specify):

Other Standard (specify):

A. All providers of services shall:

1. Be properly licensed or certified by the State in good standing with the Department of Assessment and Taxation to provide the service;
2. Be bonded as is legally required;
3. Obtain all required State and local permits;
4. Obtain final required inspections;
5. Perform all work in accordance with State and local building codes;
6. Ensure that the work passes the required inspections and is performed in accordance with State and local building codes;
7. Ensure all subcontractors meet required qualifications including verify the licenses and credentials of all individuals whom the provider employs or with whom the provider has a contract with and have a copy of same available for inspection; and
8. Provide services according to a written schedule indicating an estimated start date and completion date.

Verification of Provider Qualifications

Entity Responsible for Verification:

- Fiscal Management Services (FMS) provider
- Coordinator of Community Services

Frequency of Verification:

- Prior to service delivery and payment

Provider Category: Agency

Provider Type: DDA Certified Organized Health Care Delivery System Provider as per COMAR 10.22.20

Provider Qualifications License (specify):

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Any one of the following licensed providers:

1. Family and Individual Support Services as per COMAR 10.22.02 and 10.22.06
2. Residential Service Provider for Alternative Living Arrangements, Group Homes, Community Supported Living Arrangement, or Individual Family Care as per COMAR 10.22.02 and 10.22.08
3. Day or Vocational Services as per COMAR 10.22.02 and 10.22.07

Certificate (specify):

DDA certified Organized Health Care Delivery Providers per COMAR 10.22.02 and 10.22.20

Other Standard (specify):

Eligible organizations include home contractors and builders or DORS approved vendor

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A. All contractors of services shall:

1. Be properly licensed or certified by the State in good standing with the Department of Assessment and Taxation to provide the service;
2. Be bonded as is legally required;
3. Obtain all required State and local permits;

4. Obtain final required inspections;
5. Perform all work in accordance with State and local building codes;
6. Ensure that the work passes the required inspections and is performed in accordance with State and local building codes; and
7. Provide services according to a written schedule indicating an estimated start date and completion date.

B. Providers shall ensure all subcontractors meet required qualifications including verify the licenses and credentials of all individuals whom the provider employs or with whom the provider has a contract with and have a copy of same available for inspection; and

Verification of Provider Qualifications Entity

Responsible for Verification:

OHCQ for license

DDA for OHCDS certification

Organized Health Care Delivery provider of home improvement license

Fiscal Management Services for people self-directing services

Frequency of Verification:

Annual for license

OHCDS initial certification

DORS - initial

FMS and OHCDS prior to service delivery and payment